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[Redacted] Acting Chief

Dear [Redacted]

Subject: Evacuation Plans

I have studied Bob's letter of 15 September and have one or two observations and questions that I would like to present here and solicit your reaction. [Redacted] will be arriving shortly and if this letter reaches you before the [Redacted] land, I suggest you hold it and have a full discussion of the evacuation plans for the [Redacted] before replying.

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It is my understanding that the evacuation plans we have had for some time fully cover a situation in which it is necessary to establish [Redacted] elsewhere. Although these plans were based on the assumption of war, the facts dealing with personnel to be evacuated would in my view be the same as if we were forced to move simply by the nature of the political situation in [Redacted]

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When the present emergency came up we discovered that the evacuation plans were inadequate for a situation in which civil disturbances were such as to make it dangerous for dependents to remain [Redacted] but which were not so severe as to necessitate closing of the operation. It seems to me, therefore, that it is not necessary at this time to consider the evacuation of dependents of [Redacted]

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In fact, I think we would be open to criticism should we attempt to subvert a [Redacted] employee by having him or his dependents flee the country in the face of political strife.

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Since anti-American violence would not necessarily be accompanied by any demonstrations against our foreign nationals it may well be that American dependents should be evacuated first. As a matter of fact, Roger believes that under a Phase I voluntary evacuation, only Americans need be evacuated. I believe that we might modify this somewhat to say that we will consider individual cases of foreign national dependents in case of voluntary Phase I emergency evacuation.

Under a forced evacuation situation we feel that the remaining American dependents should be gotten out first and then all foreign

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national dependents who are in any way apprehensive about their safety. If there should be a foreign national family who prefers to remain, I am not sure that we should force it to leave. *that*

I note that Bob has discussed these plans with the individuals concerned. I do not think this was advisable although it is probable that no harm has been done. In any case, I would advise against any further discussions until [redacted] declares an emergency.

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We are following developments in [redacted] very closely and I think we are getting rather good coverage from the press services and State Department cables. We are not apt to get secondary information on [redacted] and therefore we are dependent upon you to keep us posted. Also, I have a very high respect for your judgment in these matters and will appreciate Bureau observations on the situation which can be compared with those we receive from the Chief of the State Department Radio Station and the Consul. The arrival of [redacted] should be a stabilizing influence and I am sure you will rest easier with the commandos at [redacted] 25X1

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Even if we never have to implement these plans which have taken so many hours of work, I consider that it has been a useful exercise and one which has been very educational to us here. I dare say that if a similar situation arises anywhere else in the world, we will be far better able to cope with it.

Sincerely,

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Chief, [redacted]

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